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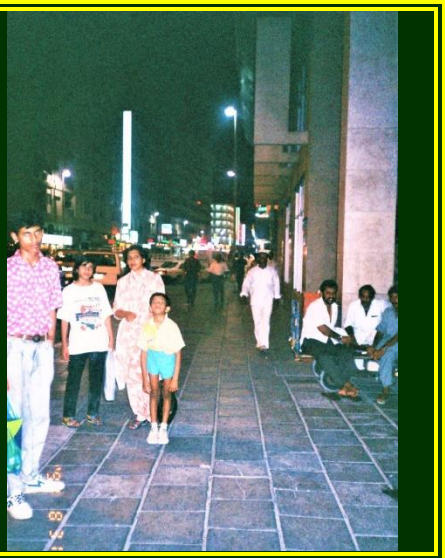

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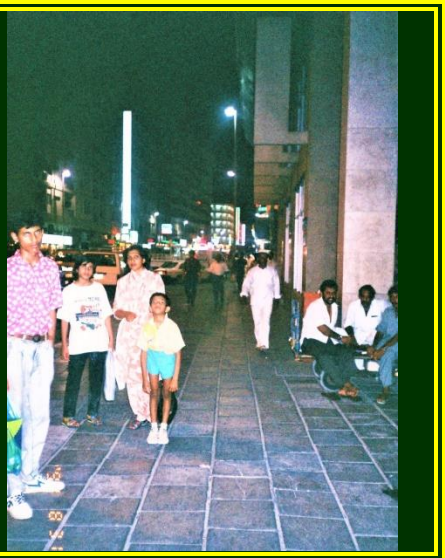

PREFACE

While working on a World Bank Project in Sudan, during Home Leave in August 1991, we made our journey through UAE with a stopover there.

At first we made arrangement for visa to UAE. For this purpose, Mr. Akhtar, Charge de Affairs, Pakistan in Sudan at Khartoum was a great help for us. He accompanied us to the UAE Embassy; and managed to get visa for all the members of my family. I stand indebted to both the Excellencies for this act of kindness.

My wife Farzana Maqsood, sons Moeen, Mohsin, Jehanzeb and daughter Kiran were accompanying me. It was our first visit to UAE. All of us were very excited to visit these Emirates and feel what we had heard all about the beauty of these states.

On 26th August we flew from Khartoum, Sudan, in the evening and after sometime at night arrived at the beautiful and modern airport of Abu Dhabi wherefrom, we hired a cab went by road to Dubai.

After arrival at Dubai we lodged in Fardoos Hotel, Deidra Dubai. The Hotel was quite comfortable.

We all were very happy that at last, we were quite in the heart of our dream place which, we always loved to be there.

I have written and formatted this travelogue, all alone, therefore, for any error or mistake, I may kindly be excused.

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The United Arab Emirates (UAE); الإمارات العربية المتحدة, is a country located at the Eastern end of the Arabian Peninsula.

The UAE is formed from a federation of seven emirates, consisting of Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Fujairah, Ras Al Khaimah, Sharjah and Umm Al Quwain. Abu Dhabi is the capital of UAE. UAE is famous for her wealth, administration and beauty.

MAP OF UAE

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
OMAN
Gulf of Oman
Ras al Khaimah
Umm Al Quwain
'Ajmān
Sharjah
Dubai
Adh Dhayd
Al Fujayrah
QATAR
Persian Gulf
Mina Jebel Ali
Al Samha
Dalma
ABU DHABI
Sir Bani Yas
Abū al Abyad
Al Khatam
Al Ain
Jebel Hafeet
1,240 m
Al Ruwais
Tarif
Shamis
As Sila'
Baynūna'h
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EMIRATES
Al Humrah
Tropic of Cancer
Tharwaniyyah
'Aradah
Al Liwā'
Al Rabbād
OMAN
SAUDI ARABIA
Country Boundary
Major Road
Other Road
Country Capital
Major City
Other City
Sea Port
Airport
Mt. Peak
25 Miles
25
50 Kilometers
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Dubai is a city and an Emirate in the United Arab Emirates known for its wealth, shopping, discipline, and modern trend especially in trade, infrastructure and facilities. UAE is leaping forward towards to the infrastructural development and a trade hub with latest facilities.

We had a great desire to visit UAE and see and enjoy life there. At last I got an opportunity to see this land of fairy tales with all the members of my family which we fully enjoyed.

ARRIVAL AT ABU DHABI

We left Khartoum in the evening on 26th August 1991 and landed at Abu Dhabi Airport at early night. The airport was very beautiful and vast, full of people hustling and bustling here and there. The Duty Free Shop was the main attraction and full of products from the world over.

The immigration process was quite comfortable because we had Khasa Visa sponsored by the Embassy of Pakistan.

TRAVEL TO DUBAI

After completing the formalities we came out of the airport, hired a cab and headed towards Dubai. It was night therefore could not see much outside, however I smelt the sea and fish bound air around which meant we were travelling along the sea.

After an hour or so we reached Dubai Downtown – Deira Dubai, where after some time we were in the Hotel Al Fardoos, which, was on the seaside and was OK.

IN FRONT OF AL FARDOOS HOTEL

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DUBAI TOWN

The first thing, in the morning, after having breakfast to was rush see the town. Since we were in the heart of the active town, so by getting down the stairs of the hotel, turning slightly towards our right, we were in the heart of the market full of venders, shouting loud and selling their products. They were shouting 'Rialain, 'Rialain' which we heard as 'Rialay, Rialay' meaning two rials, two rials, which was quite rhythmic as well

NAIF DEIRA DUBAI

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This day we spent seeing the town including crossing the Channel and visiting Dubai Barr.

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN
1991

Rest of the day, we spent touring the town and enjoyed its beauty, modernity, way of life, prosperity, discipline and diversity of the people from various countries and cultural background. Dubai physically looked a western country with an oriental background.

Food was not an issue. The dishes were from the world over so we enjoyed dishes from other parts of the continent as well.

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

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With our family friend Badshah Khan

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Moeen and Mohsin Enjoying Ice Cream

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Enjoying Ice Cream Dubai

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

An Indian Restaurant in Dubai

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Walking through Streets at Night in Dubai

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Mohsin and Jehanzeb Playing in the Dubai Streets of Downtown

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Mohsin and Jehanzeb Playing in the Dubai Streets of Downtown

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Moeen Khan in Front of Dubai Library Distrubuters

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Kiran, Mohsin and their Mothers Shopping Electronic Goods

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Mohsin and Badshah at a Coffee Shop

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Relaxing Sitting Around a Fountain in Dubai - UAE

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Shopping at an Electronic Shop – Dubai UAE

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Moeen and Mohsin at an Electronic Shop Dubai - UAE

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Mohsin and Zeb Playing with a Parrot in Front of a Shop Dubai UAE

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Mohsin and Zeb in aPlayful Mood – Dubai UAE

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Family Corner Meeting in a Mall – Dubai UAE

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

In a Shopping Mall – Dubai UAE

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Kiran, My Daughter and Her Mother – Dubai UAE

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Family Members and Badshah Khan Relaxing – Dubai UAE

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

Relaxing Around a Fountain – Dubai UAE

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

DEVELOPING DUBAI - UAE

DUBAI – SHARJA – AJMAN TOUR 1991

DEVELOPING DUBAI - UAE

ABU DHABI

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Abu Dhabi is one of the Emirates and the capital of the UAE. It is off the mainland on an island in the Persian Gulf. Oil and Trade are main source of its richness and prosperity.

Badshah Khan, who was already settled in Dubai, one took us to Abu Dhabi in his car. We drove from Dubai to Abu Dhabi along the Gulf Water and after an hour or so. There we saw the high rising buildings on both sides of the road. Neat and clean environment, comparatively, serene atmosphere, less rushy as compared to Dubai; Disciplines seemed to be at the top; prosperity needed not to be explained, it was visible and reflected through anything one sees. We were

very excited, happy and impressed. It was singled out to be at such places in the world.

I felt that the face of UAE changing its face due to abundant resources coupled with good management and sincerity of purpose, sharing with the people of the land.

Abu Dhabi looked more like a Business and Trade Centre rather than a city.

ROADS OF ABU DHABI - UAE
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WALKING AROUND IN ABU DHABI 1991

Moeen my Son and his Mother

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ON THE BEACH IN ABU DHABI
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RELAXING ROUND A FOUNTAIN IN ABU DHABI 1991

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WALKING IN THE GREEN BELT OF ABU DHABI

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Al Ain is a city in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, border with with Oman. The Highway connecting Al-Ain, Abu Dhabi, and Dubai form a triangle in the country, each city being roughly 130 kilometres other two.

We travelled from Dubai to Abu Dhabi; from Abu Dhabi to Al Ain and back from Al Ain to Dubai, so we travelled on this triangle. The major part of this triangle passed through deserts.

We travelled in the company of Badshah Khan in his car. Whole journey and stops over in Abu Dhabi and Al Ain were very enjoyable and comfortable. It was really an experience of its own kind to drive on this triangle.

Al Ain is on the border of Oman and one can enjoy the scenery of Oman from the the Mountain Hafeet at the border.

We enjoyed the whole trip and took some photographs which we are sharing with readers and viewers.

Highway Tringle

Dubai – Abu Dhabi – Al Ain - Dubai

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Al Ain Dairy Farm

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AL AIN – UAE 1991
VIEW FROM MOUNTAIN HAFEET
BORDER WITH OMAN

AL AIN – UAE 1991
MOUNTAIN HAFEET
BORDER WITH OMAN

ON THE ROAD

DUBAI – ABU DHABI – AL AIN- DUBAI

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DUBAI – ABU DHABI – AL AIN- DUBAI
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RIGHT TO LEFT
Moeen Ahmad Khan Kiran Maqsood Jehanzeb Ahmad Khan

HIGHWAY TRINGLE
DUBAI – ABU DHABI – AL AIN - DUBAI
1991

DEPARTURE

FROM

DUBAI

SEPTEMBER 1991

AIRPORT DEPARTURE LOUNGE
DUBAI – UAE
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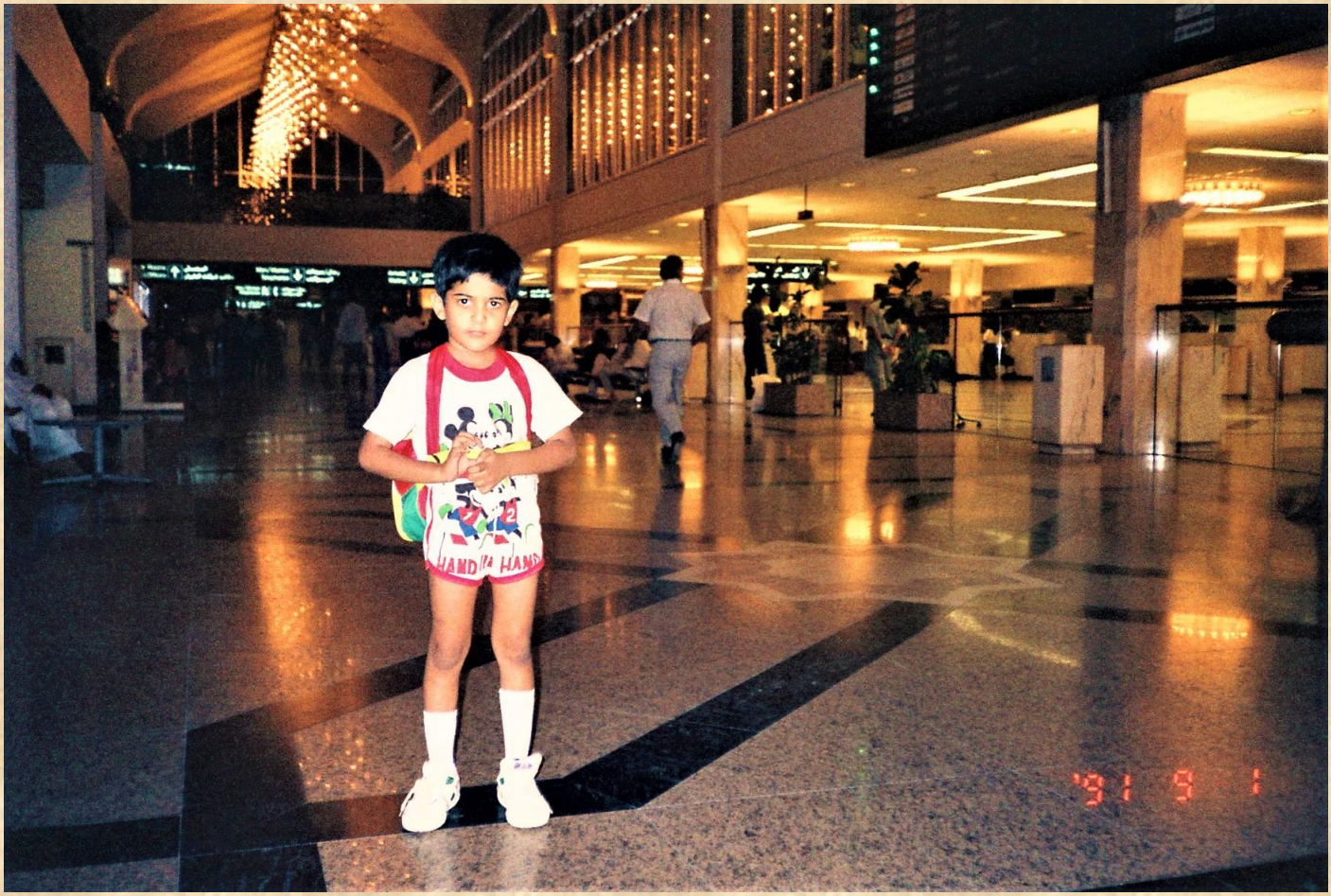

Jehanzeb Ahmad Khan at Dubai Airport Departure Lounge

COME SOON AGAIN

I, Maqsood Ahmad Khan, after having the Master Degree in Economics from the Government College, Lahore (Punjab University) in 1972, qualified the Competitive Examination for Civil Services of Pakistan in 1974 and joined Traffic (Transportation & Commercial Group) of Pakistan Railways. I rose to the level of General Manager (Welfare & Training); and completed my services on 4th March 2010, after attaining the age of superannuation. During the service, I could visit many a countries, viz Belgium, Canada, Egypt , England, France, Holland, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, UAE, USA, West Germany in connection with foreign assignments, trainings, meetings, visits and study tours; alone or with the members of my family. To make theses journeys memorable, the use of the camera was a tool with me. The collection of the photographs thus taken, when seen at the later years, gave an account of travels round the world, which I am sharing with my readers/viewers as piece of information; memoir or self-actualization. Hope, the readers would enjoy my Pictorial Travelogue.

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PS: The photographs of the friends, colleagues and others have been uploaded in good faith, as memoir.

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